

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus for recording a content on a recording medium,

wherein the recording apparatus acquires copyright processing information from the recording medium related to copyright processing recorded on the recording medium and determines whether or not to record the content on the recording medium based on the copyright processing information.

2. (Original) A recording apparatus for recording a content on a recording medium, the recording apparatus comprising:

a judgment unit for determining whether or not copyright processing information exists on the recording medium; and

a content recording unit for recording the content on the recording medium only when existence of the copyright processing information is determined by the judgment unit.

3. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus for recording a content on a recording medium, the recording apparatus comprising:

an apparatus-side information holding unit for holding copyright processing information;

a medium-side information acquiring unit for acquiring copyright processing information from the recording medium recorded on the recording medium;

a record judgment unit for determining whether or not to record the content on the recording medium based on the copyright processing information held by the apparatus-side information holding unit and the copyright processing information acquired by the medium-side information acquiring unit; and

a content recording unit for recording the content on the recording medium only when recording is determined by the record judgment unit.

4. (Original) A recording apparatus according to claim 3,

wherein the record judgment unit determines that the content is recorded only when the copyright processing information held by the apparatus-side information holding unit matches with the copyright processing information acquired by the medium-side information acquiring unit.

5. (Original) A recording apparatus for recording a content on a recording medium, the recording apparatus comprising:

a judgment unit for determining whether or not copyright processing information exists on the recording medium;

a recording method determining unit for determining a content recording method based on a determination result by the judgment unit; and

a content recording unit for recording the content on the recording medium based on the determination by the recording method determining unit;

6. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus for recording a content on a recording medium, the recording apparatus comprising:

an apparatus-side information holding unit for holding copyright processing information;

a medium-side information acquiring unit for acquiring copyright processing information from the recording medium recorded on the recording medium;

a recording method determining unit for determining a content recording method based on the copyright processing information held by the apparatus-side information holding unit and the copyright processing information acquired by the medium-side information acquiring unit; and

a content recording unit for recording the content on the recording medium based on the determination by the recording method determining unit.

7. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus according to claim 5,

wherein the recording method determined by the recording method determining unit comprises a method of recording all data of the content and a method of recording only partial data of the content.

8. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus according to claim 5,

wherein the recording method determined by the recording method determining unit comprises a method of recording the content as it is and a method of encrypting and recording the content.

9. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

an input information reception unit for receiving an input of input information required for the copyright processing when nonexistence of the copyright processing information is determined by the judgment unit; and

an input information transmitting unit for transmitting the input information received by the input information reception unit,

wherein the content recording unit records the content on the recording medium based on at least one of the input information and result information.

10. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising:

an input information reception unit for receiving an input of input information required for the copyright processing when non-recording is determined by the record judgment unit; and

an input information transmitting unit for transmitting the input information received by the input information reception unit,

wherein further determination by the record judgment unit is performed based on at least one of the input information and result information.

11. (Original) A recording apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:

an input information reception unit for receiving an input of input information required for the copyright processing when nonexistence of the copyright processing information is determined by the record judgment unit; and

an input information transmitting unit for transmitting the input information received by the input information reception unit,

wherein the recording method determining unit determines a recording method based on at least one of the input information transmitted by the input information transmitting unit and result information.

12. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising:

an input information reception unit for receiving an input of input information required for the copyright processing when the recording method determining unit determines a certain method other than the method of recording all data of the content as it is; and

an input information transmitting unit for transmitting the input information received by the input information reception unit,

wherein further determination by the recording method determining unit is performed based on the input information.

13. (Currently Amended) A recording medium on which copyright processing information is previously recorded before content is recorded.

14. (Original) A recording medium according to claim 13,

wherein the recording medium is attachable to or detachable from a recording apparatus.

15. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to claim 13,

wherein the recording medium is an optical disk, and stores the copyright processing information in a region separated from a region for storing a content.

16. (Currently Amended) A transmitting method for correspondingly transmitting a content and copyright processing information, the content being to be recorded on a recording medium by a recording apparatus for recording a content on a recording medium,

wherein the recording apparatus acquires copyright processing information from the recording medium related to copyright processing recorded on the recording medium and determines whether or not to record the content on the recording medium based on the copyright processing information, the copyright processing information being related to copyright processing of the content in a pair.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium for storing a program for recording a content on a recording medium, the program comprising the steps of:

acquiring copyright processing information from the recording medium related to copyright processing recorded on the recording medium;

determining whether or not to record the content on the recording medium based on the copyright processing information; and

recording the content on the recording medium based on the determination in the step of determining.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium for storing a program for recording a content on a recording medium, the program comprising the steps of:

acquiring medium-side copyright processing information from the recording medium recorded on the recording medium; and

recording the content on the recording medium based on previously held copyright processing information and the copyright processing information acquired in the step of acquiring medium-side information.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium for storing a program according to claim 17, further comprising the steps of:

receiving an input of input information required for the copyright processing when nonexistence of the copyright processing information is determined in the step of determining; and

transmitting the input information received by the input information reception unit.

20. (Currently Amended) A transmitter for correspondingly transmitting a content to be recorded on a recording medium by a recording apparatus for recording a content on a recording medium,

wherein the recording apparatus acquires copyright processing information from the recording medium related to copyright processing recorded on the recording medium and determines whether or not to record the content on the recording medium based on the copyright processing information and copyright processing information related to copyright processing of the content.

21. (Currently Amended) An accounting processor for receiving input information from a recording apparatus for recording a content on a recording medium,

wherein the recording apparatus acquires copyright processing information from the recording medium related to copyright processing recorded on the recording medium and determines whether or not to record the content on the recording medium based on the copyright processing information,

the recording apparatus comprising:

a judgment unit for determining whether or not copyright processing information exists on the recording medium; and

a content recording unit for recording the content on the recording medium only when existence of the copyright processing information is determined by the judgment unit. an input information reception unit for receiving an input of input information required for the copyright processing when nonexistence of the copyright processing information is determined by the judgment unit; and

an input information transmitting unit for transmitting the input information received by the input information reception unit,

wherein the content recording unit records the content on the recording medium based on at least one of the input information and result information,

the accounting processor comprising:

an input information receiving unit for receiving the input information; and

an accounting unit for performing accounting processing based on the input information received by the input information receiving unit.

22. (Original) An accounting processor according to claim 21, further comprising:

a processing result generating unit for generating result information indicating processing result of the input information received by the input information receiving unit; and

a processing result transmitting unit for transmitting the processing result generated by the processing result generating unit.

23. (Previously Presented) An accounting processor according to claim 21, wherein

the input information includes copyright processing level information, and

the accounting unit has an accounting fee determining means for determining an accounting fee based on the copyright processing level information.

24. (Previously Presented) An accounting processor according to claim 21, wherein

the input information includes copyright processing society identifiers, and

the accounting unit has an accounting fee summarizing means for summarizing an accounting fee for each copyright processing society identifier.

25. (Previously Presented) An accounting processor according to claim 22,

wherein the result information includes copyright processing information.

26. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus according to claim 6,

wherein the recording method determined by the recording method determining unit comprises a method of recording all data of the content and a method of recording only partial data of the content.

27. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus according to claim 6,

wherein the recording method determined by the recording method determining unit comprises a method of recording the content as it is and a method of encrypting and recording the content.

28. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising:

an input information reception unit for receiving an input of input information required for the copyright processing when non-recording is determined by the record judgment unit; and

an input information transmitting unit for transmitting the input information received by the input information reception unit,

wherein further determination by the record judgment unit is performed based on at least one of the input information and result information.

29. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:

an input information reception unit for receiving an input of input information required for the copyright processing when the recording method determining unit determines a certain method other than the method of recording all data of the content as it is; and

an input information transmitting unit for transmitting the input information received by the input information reception unit,

wherein further determination by the recording method determining unit is performed based on the input information.

30. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus according to claim 26, further comprising:



an input information reception unit for receiving an input of input information required for the copyright processing when the recording method determining unit determines a certain method other than the method of recording all data of the content as it is; and

an input information transmitting unit for transmitting the input information received by the input information reception unit,

wherein further determination by the recording method determining unit is performed based on the input information.

31. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus according to claim 27, further comprising:

an input information reception unit for receiving an input of input information required for the copyright processing when the recording method determining unit determines a certain method other than the method of recording all data of the content as it is; and

an input information transmitting unit for transmitting the input information received by the input information reception unit,

wherein further determination by the recording method determining unit is performed based on the input information.

32. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to claim 14,

wherein the recording medium is an optical disk, and stores the copyright processing information in a region separated from a region for storing a content.

33. (Previously Presented) An accounting processor according to claim 22, wherein

the input information includes copyright processing level information, and

the accounting unit has an accounting fee determining means for determining an accounting fee based on the copyright processing level information.

34. (Previously Presented) An accounting processor according to claim 22, wherein

the input information includes copyright processing society identifiers, and

the accounting unit has an accounting fee summarizing means for summarizing an accounting fee for each copyright processing society identifier.

35. (Previously Presented) An accounting processor according to claim 23, wherein the input information includes copyright processing society identifiers, and

the accounting unit has an accounting fee summarizing means for summarizing an accounting fee for each copyright processing society identifier.

36. (Previously Presented) An accounting processor according to claim 33, wherein the input information includes copyright processing society identifiers, and

the accounting unit has an accounting fee summarizing means for summarizing an accounting fee for each copyright processing society identifier.